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## CLERK STOLE TO PAY RENT FOR GIRLS FLAT

With Wife Sick at Home, Drug-store Employee Spent Time at Place Where He Was Known by Assumed Name.

## HIS DUAL LIFE REVEALED BY ARREST FOR STEALING

Employer Discharged Him After Learning That He Supported Two Sisters, One of Them Known as His Wife.

Elmer R. Smith of 3239 Lucas avenue was arrested Sunday afternoon in the flat occupied by Rita and Pauline Ogden, 2834 Finney avenue, charged with defrauding the United States postoffice out of \$200 by raising postoffice orders in order to obtain money to lead a dual life.

Smith has a wife, who has been an invalid for several months, living at 3239 Lucas avenue, while he has been living in four different houses. Rita Ogden posed in these places as his wife, while he was known as Mr. Ogden. The greater part of the money obtained by Ogden's criminal acts Smith squandered on the women, who are both young and pretty. Rita Ogden is 22 years old, and her sister about 20.

The exact amount of money taken by Smith will not be known until the accounts of the Stoddard's substitution in the drug store of Joseph Maserang, Lettingwell and Washington avenues, have been thoroughly checked.

Smith was a clerk in the store. He had been in the employ of Mr. Maserang two years, and his services were highly valued. He was well known in the neighborhood where he was known as a "good fellow."

He was an exceptionally hard worker up to about four months ago, when Mr. Maserang says, he began to get wild in his habits. His wife went to a hospital, and Smith's life became irregular.

He was discharged last Monday, and Mr. Maserang began to investigate his actions while he was acting as a postoffice clerk.

The discovery of a shortage of \$100 in the accounts of the branch office of the Adams Express Co. formerly in the Maserang drug store, by the raising of express orders, led Mr. Maserang to believe that something of the sort might have been attempted with the postal money orders. Smith admitted that he got \$100 from the express company, but had paid it back out of his own funds.

When Mr. Maserang began to look into Smith's habits, he learned that his clerk was paying the expenses of two women, the most lavish manner. He spoke to Smith about it and Smith told him that his affair had been a mere harmless flirtation, which he had ended. This was before his discharge.

But, Mr. Maserang says, when he upbraided Smith he moved their place of residence, and as often as Maserang discovered the new rent Smith would move his things, and he would move to another place.

The last move was to 2834 Finney avenue, where he rented a handsomely furnished flat. There he was arrested Sunday and taken to the Dayton street police station.

Monday morning Rita and Pauline Ogden were arrested at the flat and taken to the Dayton street police station and Smith was removed to the Four Courier, a few minutes later Jacob Quier, proprietor of a saloon at Channing and Locust avenues, alleged to have been implicated with Smith in the alleged fraud, was taken to the police station.

Smith was taken before United States Commissioner Gray Monday and waived preliminary examination. He was then committed to the custody of United States Marshal Marvin to await the outcome of the evidence against Smith.

The evidence against Smith was gathered by Post Office Inspector W. T. Sullivan. According to Sullivan's admissions, he worked a system so simple and yet so dangerous to the government that it is believed that the \$100 shortage is not half of what he has taken. Work the system it was necessary to have at least one confederate and partner more.

Mr. Sullivan would write for a money order for a small amount, usually between \$5 and \$10, payable to the wife of a confederate. Under the pretense of the money order, the money was delivered to the confederate, and the "advice" or return copy of the money order was sent to the station at which it was made payable.

When the money order was made payable at the station, it was found to agree with the "advice" and the money was sent over without question.

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## RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

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## POLICEMAN WHO SAVED 15 PERSONS FROM FIRE.



## PROMPT POLICEMAN RESCUES FIFTEEN

Patrolman Walsh Discovers Two Fires in 24 Hours, Saving Persons in Danger.

## CARRIES ONE FROM FLAMES

Bushing Through Burning Houses He Awakens Occupants and Sees Them to Safety.

Policeman Maurice Walsh of the Central District received with modesty Monday the praise given him for saving 15 persons from fire on his beat within 24 hours.

He discovered two fires in his incipient stage, carried one woman to safety, awakened the occupants of a burning house, and by rushing through the flames and by sending in alarms promptly enabled the firemen to save the property in each case.

At 5:30 o'clock Sunday morning he discovered the first fire in a rooming house conducted by Mrs. Mary Sabatton at 11 South Sixteenth street. As he was passing he noticed smoke coming from the windows on the third floor and, first sending in an alarm, he ran through the half ways of the house pounding on the doors of the rooms and awakening the sleeping occupants and seeing to it that they got out of the building.

The fire was at that time confined to the third floor rear room. Coals, falling out of a grate, had burned through the floor and the fire had spread under the floor. The room was filled with smoke, but the two men occupying it were still sleeping.

The firemen arrived shortly and the damage was confined to the third floor. Patrolman Walsh discovered smoke coming from the second floor of 21 South Fifteenth street, where Mrs. Mary Sabatton was living.

When he saw the smoke, he ran into the passage at the south side of the building and up an outside stairway and forced a door open, and the children, aged 8 and 10 years, were taken to safety.

The fire had gained such headway that it was necessary for him to carry Mrs. Sabatton out of the building. The children and other occupants were taken to safety.

The fire started in a cupboard where there were some matches. The damage was slight.

## BURGLARS FAIL TO OPEN A SAFE

Falling after several hours' work to open a safe containing \$100 in the grocery store of Stocker Bros at 109 Franklin avenue, burglars were forced to content themselves with a cash drawer and a lunch of sandwiches, cheese, crackers and chocolate.

Members of the firm believe there were three burglars and that one was a boy. The money he informed the other and sent him by the messenger to the bank, where it was cashed. Quier said he was not in the store when the burglars came.

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## NOGI REVIEWS HIS TROOPS IN PORT ARTHUR

Japanese Army Passes Through Town, in Formal Entry, in Procession Five Miles Long—New Town Not Greatly Damaged.

## OCEANS OF WINE, BUT NO FOOD IN BESIEGED TOWN

Russian Preparations for Blockade Are Said to Have Consisted Mainly in Precautions to Guard Against Pangs of Thirst.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE JAPANESE THIRD ARMY AT PORT ARTHUR, via Tientsin, Jan. 16.—The victorious Japanese army made its formal entry into Port Arthur Jan. 15.

Gen. Nogai, in advance, passed through the old town with his staff and took his stand in the public square in the new town. The army was represented by one regiment from each brigade.

The procession, which was five miles long, was three hours passing the saluting base, after which the troops passed out of the city through the new town.

The correspondents then visited the captured city for the first time. The old town buildings were badly smashed, but in the new town the damage was slight. All the shipping in the harbor was practically demolished by shell fire.

Proposals for the surrender of Port Arthur were first made Dec. 29 at a council of war. Gen. Stoessel was in favor of surrender, but some of his general officers were bitterly opposed to it. The regimental officers and the troops were not consulted.

## WINE PLENTY, BUT FOOD SCARCE AT PORT ARTHUR.

SPECIAL TO THE POST-DISPATCH. NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—"Champagne was always plentiful in Port Arthur, even when men were dying from scurvy because of lack of food."

from Port Arthur, in describing conditions during the siege and immediately after the fall of the city's far eastern stronghold.

"Many of the military officers were useless, applying for leave on days when there were attacks and leaving the command to sergeants. The naval officers were generally drunk. The whole navy was demoralized by the death of Admiral Makarov."

"When the news of the capitulation became known the soldiers looted a store containing 5000 bottles of vodka. There were terrible orgies in the streets. The troops sent to quell the disturbances joined the revelers."

BRITISH ARE ACCUSED OF AIDING JAPANESE. PARIS, Jan. 16.—St. Petersburg newspapers are accusing the British of permitting the Japanese to use the island of Labuan, near Borneo, as a base of operations against Russia. It is asserted that England is concealing the fact by cutting communication between Borneo and Singapore.

New Chang reports indicate that Gen. Mitchevsky's Cossacks, in their recent raid southwest of Liao Yang, deliberately invaded neutral territory.

Though the raid was in itself an unpardonable one, it is believed to foreshadow an extensive movement, and military authorities incline to the opinion that the long calm following the battle along the Shashih river is about to be broken.

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GUARANTEED—The ACTUAL SALES of the POST-DISPATCH in ST. LOUIS and SUBURBS—DAILY or SUNDAY—are GREATER in the same field than the COMBINED SALES of ANY THREE other St. Louis newspapers.

CIRCULATION BOOKS OPEN TO ALL

"FIRST IN EVERYTHING"

## SUPREME COURT GRANTS BURTON ANOTHER TRIAL

Senior Senator From Kansas, Convicted in U. S. District Court of Selling Official Influence, Secures Reversal of Verdict.

## GOVERNMENT WAS NOT CONCERNED, LAWYERS SAY

His Services as Attorney for Get-Rich-Quick Concern With Fraud Case Before Postoffice Department Caused Charge.

A news telegram received Monday by the Post-Dispatch from Washington says the United States Supreme Court has reversed the decision of the United States District Court in St. Louis in the case of United States Senator Joseph H. Burton of Kansas, convicted of using his official influence to prevent the issuance of a fraud order against the Rialto Grain and Securities Co.

The case was remanded for a new trial, which will be held before the same court in which he was convicted and sentenced to six months' imprisonment in Iron County Jail.

The judgment of the district court was reversed on the finding of the Supreme Court that the money which Senator Burton received from the Rialto company was not paid in St. Louis, as alleged in some of the counts of the indictment, but in Washington.

United States District Attorney Dyer says this will not seriously operate against the prosecution in the new trial, as he says there is evidence to show that some of the money was paid in St. Louis.

Senator Burton was indicted on the charge of appearing before the postoffice department as attorney for the Rialto company while a United States senator, and using his official influence to prevent the issuance of a fraud order against that company, which was under investigation.

from the Rialto company a salary of \$500 a month for five months; that the greater amount of the salary was paid in checks which the senator cashed in Washington.

That at least one month's salary was paid to him in cash at the company's office in St. Louis.

Senator Burton was elected to the Senate in 1901. His term will expire in 1907. The company extended for five months from November, 1902. At the trial the reports of investigation made by him into complaints against the company and his request for and acknowledgment of salary checks.

## JAIL PROCESSION CONTINUES

Five More Denverites Imprisoned or Fined for Frauds at Last Election.

DENVER, Jan. 16.—Guy Wheeler, was sentenced to jail for six and Charles Reuse for three months today because, as election judges last fall, they refused to permit Republican watchers to examine the registration books and did permit persons to vote on registrations from vacant lots.

For the former offense George Hubbard, a constable, was sentenced to one month in jail; for the latter Charles Munford and James Rowan, judges, were fined \$25 each.

## One of "Seven Schultz Queens," Who Was Wedded Secretly Saturday



## HER SECRET MARRIAGE TAKES ONE FROM RANKS OF THE "SEVEN QUEENS"

Miss Margaret Schultz, Who on Summer Eve Met George Trying at Tyrolean Alps, Surprises Relatives by Announcement of Her Wedding.

Miss Margaret Schultz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Schultz, of the neighborhood as one of the "seven Schultz queens," was secretly married in St. Charles Saturday to George Trying.

The announcement was made Sunday afternoon and the Schultz home was a center of gaiety during the evening.

Miss Margaret won her royal title when she and her six sisters attended the twenty-fifth anniversary of their parents' marriage at Benton Park hall, Oct. 22, 1900. Someone saw the seven daughters standing beside their mother and said: "Look at the seven Schultz queens." Since then the daughters have been known by that name.

Mrs. Trying met her husband while she was at the World's Fair. After the close of the fair the wooing was continued in the ice and coal business.

## COCKRELL WOULDN'T REFUSE SENATORSHIP

Missouri Denies Report That He Would Turn Down Honor Coming From Legislature.

SPECIAL TO THE POST-DISPATCH. WARRENSBURG, Jan. 16.—A report given out at Jefferson City to the effect that Thomas K. Niedringhaus had held a conversation with Senator Cockrell over the long-distance phone, in which the latter stated that he would not accept the election to the United States Senate from a Republican Legislature, is denied by Senator Cockrell in a telegram to Representative Wallace Croasley of Johnson County.

"Washington, Jan. 16.—No truth whatever in reports. Have had no conversation whatever except with Democrats by letter." (Signed) F. M. COCKRELL.

Senator Cockrell had previously said that he would appreciate the election to the Senate at the hands of his party and people at this time possibly more than at any other. If it came to him regardless of politics.

LESS COLD, BUT NO THAW YET. The extreme weather conditions which have held St. Louis in an icy grip for nearly a week are beginning to moderate. Sunday night the cold winds died down and the temperature rose a little. Monday morning the frost bit sharply, but the official prediction is that Monday night and Tuesday will be warmer. The forecast: "Fair tonight and Tuesday; rising temperature and southerly wind; minimum temperature Monday night, 13 degrees above zero."

Slighing and skating parties took the place of the usual outdoor amusements. Sunday, Misses that had not seen the light for years were dragged out and the rusty runners of old-fashioned skates were brightened. Great numbers of skaters were seen on the new Park where the ponds were nothing but ice.

## WILLIAMS TO RETIRE FEB. 10

President Accepts Resignation of Commissioner of Immigration Without Delay.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—William Williams, commissioner of immigration, has tendered his resignation and the President has accepted. He will retire Feb. 10.

## VOTE TO BE COUNTED FEB. 8

Houses and Senate Agree on Date for Canvassing Electoral Ballots.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Soon after canvassing today, the House agreed to the Senate resolution designating Wednesday, Feb. 8, as the day on which the electoral vote for president and congressional electors will be counted.

## COOK CHARGES AN ATTEMPT TO BUY HIS VOTE

Representative From Howell Creates Furor by Declaring He Had Been Offered a Good Piece of Money to Vote for Niedringhaus

## SUBPENAS TO BE ISSUED AT ONCE

An Investigation Will Be Made of Matter Which Promises to Be More Important Than Original Charges.

SPECIAL TO THE POST-DISPATCH. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 16.—A partial report from the Democratic majority of the Senate committee which has been investigating the charges against Thomas K. Niedringhaus will be made this afternoon. This report, it is said, will hold the caucus' choice for senator culpable guilty of accepting money from St. Louis brewers and then crediting an amount including that represented by the brewers' contribution to himself in his sworn statement of his campaign expenses.

While the Republican minority on the committee will probably file a report at the conclusion of the investigation, a partial report is expected from it today.

SPECIAL TO THE POST-DISPATCH. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 16.—A figurative bombshell was today dropped into the Senate committee investigating the charges against Thomas K. Niedringhaus relative to the source of his campaign fund, when Representative Cook of Howell County declared that he had been offered "a good piece of money" if he would vote for Niedringhaus in the Republican caucus.

Subpenas to be issued. It was announced at 1 o'clock that subpenas will be issued for Hallenbeck and Cook, who were also subpoenaed for the hearing.

It is said that in supplying his story before the Senate committee, Cook said that Hallenbeck had not only told him in West Plains that he would be "taken care of," but that the day of the Republican caucus Hallenbeck had said to him: "There would be a nice little sum of money for you if you would vote for Niedringhaus."

Niedringhaus Denies It. Cook also explained that when Hallenbeck first mentioned the subject at West Plains that he (Hallenbeck) remarked he had come straight from the Niedringhaus headquarters in St. Louis, where he had a talk with Mr. Niedringhaus.

A day or two later Cook (said) Morrow, who had been Cook's legal adviser for seven years, went to the latter, who was sick in bed at West Plains, and said he had been arranged by Hallenbeck through the Niedringhaus headquarters in St. Louis, who held a federal position paying \$1 a day and expenses, would resign, and Morrow would "take his place" if the (Morrow) would "take" the vote of Cook in the senatorial caucus.

Cook testified that Morrow told him then that the papers were in Morrow's hands ready to be "signed up" in case he would agree to pledge himself to Niedringhaus.

Thomas K. Niedringhaus, accompanied by his wife and brother, Al, Hallenbeck, testified that he had no recollection of Dr. J. A. Foraker, who was alleged to have been the source of the proposition emanating from the postmaster at West Plains.

"The postmaster in question had nothing to do with my campaign, directly or indirectly, and certainly he had no authority to make any representations on my behalf, or in behalf of Niedringhaus," said Mr. Niedringhaus. "I made no promises or pledges of any kind to anybody either before or after the senatorial caucus. If any Republican can afford to bolt the action of the caucus, then I can afford to lose the senatorship."

ELOPES ON EVE OF WEDDING. Tennessee Girl Marries, but Bridegroom Is Not the Man to Whom Hand Was Pledged.

SPECIAL TO THE POST-DISPATCH. MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 16.—Social circles in Dyerburg, Tenn., were treated to a lively separation Sunday when it became known that Miss Mary Fowles, daughter of Dr. J. A. Fowles, who was engaged to be married yesterday to Vernon Thomas, had run away the night before and married a man named Johnson from Clinton, Ky.

Investigations had been issued, the members of the bridal party had secured their costumes and a number of presents had been sent to Miss Fowles, who was to take the man of her choice.

Thomas takes the matter philosophically, saying that Miss Fowles did what she thought was right.

BOATS TO RUN YEAR AROUND. St. Louis, Memphis and Ohio River to Have Winter Navigation in Near Future.

SPECIAL TO THE POST-DISPATCH. MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 16.—Contracts have been let by the Low line for two new light-draft steamers, to be used in the winter months for "year-round" navigation between St. Louis, Memphis and Ohio River points.

CARTER CHOSEN FOR SENATE. Montana Statesman Sent Back to Upper House of National Legislature.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 16.—Thomas Carter was elected United States senator by the Montana voters today.















## THE RISE OF ROSE

A St. Louis Department Store Romance

By Ivan Whin, Author of "Myra," Etc.

CHAPTER I.  
"Cash!"

"WHAT do you wish, little girl?" Richard Carr was in a very amiable mood. His business was prosperous, a mining venture into which he had put a few thousand to oblige a friend had declared its second dividend of 100 per cent to the favored few who held its shares, a hospital board of which he was a member had been forced to accept his plan for financing and extending the institution, and his favorite niece, who had gone to China as a missionary, had written him that she was coming home and would never leave him again.

He had said a moment ago to Owen Balheugh that he felt like a child pulling gifts out of its stocking on Christmas morning, happy in what it had but wondering what the next gift might be.

A slip of a girl had entered the narrow offices of the Vallamburg, Carney & Carr department store, and after gazing in turn at all the wire cages and all the open desks had stepped to the side of Richard Carr.

She was slight, but up-standing, as her mother would say, and vigorous. There was a good rich color on her round cheeks. Her brown hair was matted in two braids and one braid hung over her shoulder. Her eyes were large and blue, with long, dark lashes. She smiled easily, being seemingly on very good terms with the world.

"What do I wish?" she said, a gurgle of laughter running through her words. "I always wish for everything in the window. I wish for this store, but if I can't have it I'd like to have a job."

Richard Carr laughed aloud and work was suspended at every desk within hearing—not that they had never heard Richard Carr laugh before, but never so heartily. If you know what the phrase "a dry chuckle" means you know Richard Carr's usual expression of mirth.

"Do children still play the game of wishing for things in shop windows?" he asked.

"Sure. Did you when you were a little boy?" The girl looked incredulously at the tall old man's silky-white hair and beard. She seemed to doubt that he had ever been a boy.

"Many and many a time. We used to go often to a little shop in the corner of many years was kept by Mrs. Santa Claus and stand at the window selecting our gifts. There was only one rule of the game and that was this: When any article had been selected by any child in the group the other children were debarred from wishing for it. So there was always a great rush to be first and a great deal of quarrelling over who wished first. For some popular toy. And you always wish for everything in the window? That is very greedy."

"Oh, I don't want to keep everything," the girl protested. "I just want to be rich and own lots of things so I can give them to people and make them happy."

"A very commendable ambition," said Richard Carr, and he might have said he had the same ambition. "And now you want a 'job.' I believe you said. What kind of a 'job'?"

"Anything for a start. I want to learn the business."

Owen Balheugh had left his cage when his chief laughed and stood listening to the conversation.

"Here, that now," he said. "A weensie slip of a gal, and she says as bold as brass, 'I want to learn the business.' Put her on, Mr. Carr. There never was anything in the female line here yet that had so straight an idea. She looks like a gal, she is a gal, but she talks like a boy and a smart one, too."

"Tut, tut, Owen," Mr. Carr's face was a mask, the laughter was over for the moment. "I don't employ help. See Mr. Gannon, on the third floor, little girl. By the way, what is your name?"

## AN OLD MEDICINE

IN A NEW FORM, PHYSICIANS ARE PLEASED.

Druggists Wolff-Wilson Drug Co. Say:  
Vinol is a New Form of the Oldest  
and Best Tonic in the World.

"Science conferred a great boon on humanity when two eminent French chemists discovered how to extract from the cod's liver all the curative elements contained in cod liver oil, but without a drop of oil or grease, and thus produce Vinol. "It is no longer necessary to load the stomach with old-fashioned greasy cod liver oil or emulsions to obtain the curative properties of cod liver oil, for Vinol is like taking the kernel from the nut, the oil or the grease in which the curative elements were enveloped has been discarded and we offer the people of St. Louis the concentrated essence of the medicine found in cod liver oil, without a drop of oil or grease to upset the stomach and retard its work."

"For centuries doctors and druggists alike have looked upon cod liver oil as the best tonic, strength-creator and body-builder in the world, but have acknowledged that its one great drawback was the grease which it contained. With this grease all eliminated, we offer the people of St. Louis in Vinol a perfect cod liver oil preparation as delicious to the taste as a fresh orange."

Mr. J. B. Renner, Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court, Atlanta, Ga., writes: "Vinol is the ideal preparation of cod liver oil; it purifies and enriches the blood, induces a good appetite, promotes digestion and incorporates every organ in the body." "Therefore, in the strongest manner we endorse and guarantee Vinol to increase the appetite, cure stomach troubles, give strength to the run-down, tired and debilitated, invigorate and build up old people, who lack red blood, cure chronic coughs, colds and bronchitis. It is safe, we return your money." Wolff-Wilson Drug Co., St. Louis.



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"Rose Wiegand." "Are your parents German?" "Well, half of them was, sir. Father was Dutch, but mother, she's as Irish as they make them. I guess."

Her laugh was infectious, and in spite of himself Richard Carr smiled, while Owen Balheugh laughed aloud, saying: "Better and better."

Rose found Mr. Gannon at a little desk in a small enclosure on the third floor, behind the carpets. Three young women occupied a wire cage near by and Rose stood for a time watching them, wondering what they were doing so busily. A line of frail young men and vigorous young women were filing in front of the great Gannon, a stocky built, red whiskered, positive, even autocratic, man. He had small blue eyes that were so direct in their gaze that the most bubbling, self-assured young woman grew embarrassed and apologetic as she stated her qualifications for employment.

"Nothing for you," he said sharply, cutting in to a voluble woman's story of her need for work. "Next."

Rose was next and she stepped in front of Gannon and smiled at him. He stared at her, his blue eyes steady and cold. Her eyes were very white as steady and her smile did not fade as she waited for him to speak to her. Gannon waited for the first word from her and a dull red crept into his cheeks as the seconds flashed by and this cool slip of a girl looked at him and smiled. Presently he could endure it no longer.

"Why don't you speak?" he cried. "What do you want?"

"I want a job," she said. "I never said I was not to be bothering the gentlemen with my clack. If they wanted me they'd be saying so, yes."

Gannon laughed. "Your mother's a wise woman," he said.

"Don't call her that," Rose protested. "That means fortune telling and she only does that for fun."

"I didn't mean it in that sense, my dear," said the dreadful ogre of the employment bureau. "I meant that she had sense, that she had brains, that she had knowledge of the great world of business and the multifarious duties which occupy the time and minds of men in great enterprises and which preclude indulgence in unprofitable, aimless and endless conversation. Now what kind of a job would you be wanting?"

Rose, momentarily disturbed, had regained her poise and shrewdly estimated this fearsome man.

"I told the nice white-haired man downstairs that I wanted to own the store some day and he sent me up to you to learn the business."

"Dickie Carr sent you to me to learn the business?" Say it again, my dear, and say it just as it happened. No lies now! Truth!"

"It was just as I said. I said I wanted to learn the business and he sent me to you."

Where is the department store of Vallamburg, Carney & Carr?

What is the real name of "Richard Carr?"

Rose is a real person. She lives in St. Louis today. Do you know her?

Should girls of today have the same ambition for business success that boys have? Is it better for a girl to plan her life without thought of marriage or to look forward to a husband and home of her own?

Write to Ivan Whin, care of The Post-Dispatch.

"It's always that way," he said, a serene smile illumining his face. "It's Michael Gannon who teach them all the first steps and then they go on and get to be floor walkers and even managers and buyers without ever remembering the old man stuck off in a corner somewhere upstairs, who sends them the pickings of a dirty lot of applications—up to the top and say, 'For why do you send me such a dirty lot of fools?' Well, my dear, and how would you like to be our silk buyer? Is it a job to your liking?"

"If you didn't have that smile I'd call you 'fresh,' my young lady," he said, severely.

"Well, you was joshing me." There was a slight defiance in her tone, but her smile was friendly.

"See here, my pretty nettle. I'm a mind to put you on as a 'cash,' but Dickie Carr sent you here, you say, to learn the business, and you can't learn a better thing than this: repartee sells no goods." He paused impressively. "You'll be asking what is repartee? Well, it's just sassing back. If you can keep that cool manner you got and that sweet smile and learn not to get back at customers, but smooth them down and make them think well of themselves when they know they're nasty tykes, you'll sell bigger bills and you'll get bigger wages than any man in Vallamburg, Carney & Carr."

"And never a word back?" Rose questioned, gloomily.

"Not a —; well, don't say anything back, my dear."

He filled out a long blank with her answers to questions concerning her parents, residence, etc., and gave her a paper for her mother to sign. Then he did a wholly unprecedented thing. He took her down to the main floor, showed her how to crawl through a door in the counter and pass through a door in the shelving back of the counter and mount a steep, narrow ladder-like stair to a balcony. From his place on the main floor Gannon called to a surly youth in command of half a dozen youngsters wrapping bundles in the balcony and bade him put Rose to work.

"Take 6," said the surly youth carelessly and pointed to a position on one side of the balcony. The track of a bundle carrier terminated there and presently the carriage brought a box of gloves, and a salesgirl's book containing money. Rose was about to lift the book from the carriage when the surly youth leaped upon her, thrust her aside and sent the carriage back the way it had come with vicious swiftness.

"Put that money in the box," he cried toward the glove counter.

"Sadie," called a glove girl to another, "your boss says."

"Oh, I'll boss him when I get hold of him," said the angry Sadie, but she did as she was bid.

When the carriage came again to Rose the surly youth said: "Give the gloves to the wrapper," and he indicated a dumpy youth at her left. "Give the money box and book to the cashier," and he waved his hand at a wire cage farther along the balcony. "Put the money and book in at this window and watch her both at the other window. Then send them with the wrapped package back to the glove counter. Keep track of the sales books. Each one has a big number on it. Sadie is 18. This is her book. Watch and see that she and no one else gets the bundle and the money out of the basket."

## NEW PUBLICATIONS.

## Not a Gun Was Fired

from "203-Metre Hill." It had one value—a great one. It was the best point of observation the Japanese had yet had. Line of vision, not line of fire, was what they needed.

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You'll learn the other numbers if you watch them.

It seemed very complicated and confusing. "But if that boy could learn it," Rose said to herself, "I can," and concentrated her mind on the task. It was complicated and confusing and the store, that spread all about her, was so fascinating that her eyes would wander from her work.

The surly youth was constantly on the move, checking mischief among the wrappers with a brutal hand and correcting lapses from the system he was following with the fervor of a devotee. "Loose money" in the baskets aroused him to fury and he anathematized the temporary help at special counters for continued carelessness so evidently that a floor-walker stood guard over the offenders, warning decapitation for the one who next forgot to enclose money in the tin boxes. Rose's lapses were brought home to her with the force of very language and she longed to "bass back," but old Gannon's "repartee sells no goods" was an ever-present check upon her ready tongue. She smiled sweetly and tried to avoid mistakes.

The pretty girl in the cash cage was very friendly and bade her not to mind what Jim said. "He thinks he's 'the young boss,'" she remarked for that young man's hearing and was ordered to "shut up" and get a move on.

The glove trade was very brisk. The bundle carrier seemed ever in motion to or from the balcony and as the hours went by Rose mastered the details of her task so that Jimmy Moore was moved to remark that she wasn't "so rotten" as he had thought her. Rose even had time to watch the deft boys wrapping parcels and making friends with the one on her left, and breaking the string. She was natural, deft with her hands and found that she could wrap a bundle neater and almost as quickly as the boys.

Jimmy Moore watched her with something like admiration in his eyes, and work being light, taught her a trick of quick bundling, at which he was an adept.

Richard Carr, on a tour of inspection, weaved his way through the throng of shoppers, his bright eyes seeing everything, and his systematic mind keeping careful record of what he saw for future reference. He stopped when, glancing at the balcony, he saw the bright face of Rose and her two braids of brown hair, and noted that the ever watchful, but efficient, Jimmy Moore was looking at her with something very like a smile on his surly face.

Richard Carr's eyes twinkled: "She'll do," he said eulogistically and pushed on through the store.

"Come here No. 6," called the cashier, and Rose went to the wire-in girl. "Now tell me what you said to Jimmy that made him smile."

"I told him I'd lose a leg to be able to tie up a bundle as fast as he could."

A merry peal of laughter went up from the wire cage. "You strange child, don't you know you shouldn't say such things? But then it made Jimmy almost human, so why not?"

"What was wrong with it?"

"Never mind, dear. I'm no preacher. Grow and learn. Now tell me your name. 'Rose?' That's a pretty name and just suits your warm color and your sweet frank ways. You'll lose your color up here, though. Only white roses can stand it. All the bad air in the shop comes up to us."

"Oh, I'm healthy. I guess I can stand it. Anyway, I don't expect to be here long."

"I'm here to learn the business, and I can't learn it all in one place."

"When you learn it all will you buy out Mr. Carr?"

"You think that's a joke, but it isn't. Boys get out and learn a trade or a business and they all expect to be bosses some day and own a shop or a store—that is if they're good Americans—and I don't see why girls can't do the same thing. What's the use of going into a shoe factory like Frank Adams and Rose Jennings and Susie Webster and just learning to do a little piece of the work of making shoes and never getting any higher? All girls can't turn out to be helpmates and get their money back that was stolen before they were born like Myra Lambert. I know the Wiegands and the O'Connells never left any fortunes to me, but just good health and some brains and I've got to bustle if I want to get along. 'Prince Henry'—he's my brother—his too easy going to get rich, but not me. I wouldn't go in the factory because some of the work is too hard for a girl to do, and so how could I learn the business. I just thought it all out and then I said to mother: 'I'm too strong to go to school any more; I'm going to learn the department store business and get rich.' She laughed a little and then said: 'Well, darling, go and make your everlasting fortune, and I intend to do it.'"

"You strange child," murmured the cashier.

Below them in the store the regular hum was interrupted by screams. Men's voices shouting mingled with frightened women's screams.

Rose ran to the balcony railing. A saleswoman was leaning against the glove cases. A man with a revolver in his hand stood in front of the counter. The other saleswomen and customers had fled, leaving a wide, clean space around this white-faced woman and tense, threatening man.

"For the last time I ask you to come back to me," he cried.

The woman's lips moved but she could not speak. The fear of death was in her eyes.

"Speak!" he commanded.

There was a flash of a girl's arm up in the balcony and a missile flew straight from her hand. It struck the man on the back of the head. He tottered. His revolver tumbled on the floor and he sank to his knees.

In an instant a dozen men were upon him. The revolver was seized and he was thrown violently to the floor.

They need not have been so violent, for the man was unconscious. The half pound weight which Rose had thrown struck his

head with such force that his mind had become a blank.

The woman behind the counter had fainted. Both she and the man were hurried away. Under the sharp orders of a little red-faced man the saleswomen returned to their counters and the normal tone of business was resumed.

"Fine throw," said Jimmy. "Where'd a girl ever learn to throw?"

"Huh! Don't try to play possum in Cape avenue if you can't do as well," said Rose. "It was her husband," whispered the cashier. "He beat her and she left him. He found out she was working here and wanted her to go home with him, but she never will."

"He beat her!" repeated Rose, and her eyes blazed. "I felt sick when I saw him go down, but I feel all right now."

"Here, No. 6," cried Jimmie. "Mr. Carr wants to see you in the private office, on the second floor."

When she passed the glove counter the salesgirl called to her, and threw her kisses. She smiled and waved at them and went bravely on to face Richard Carr and her fate.

## To Be Continued in the Post-Dispatch Tomorrow.

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## Japanese Flower Arrangement.

The general ideas of Japanese floral arrangements may be summarized in this way:

Each setting of flowers or plants must represent earth, air, and water, or heaven, earth, and man, in placing blossoms in a vase, the vase and water are earth, the short-stemmed flowers man, and the tall ones heaven. The ramifications of this principle, the delicate subtle meanings and proprieties, are infinite.

There are flowers which represent months and flowers which represent days, and as every Japanese house contains flowers, they form a calendar for the individual.

Every family of standing has artistically correct vases, vase-holders and flowers, and the manner of entertaining an honored visitor is to ask him to arrange some flowers. The guest is governed by rigid laws.

He must not make too elaborate an arrangement, for that takes overmuch time. He always offers to destroy what he has done, to prove he considers it valueless. Only when he is urged by his host does he leave it—these are examples of the long list of restrictions. The Japanese knows then as he knows his language and his literature—Harper's Glossar.

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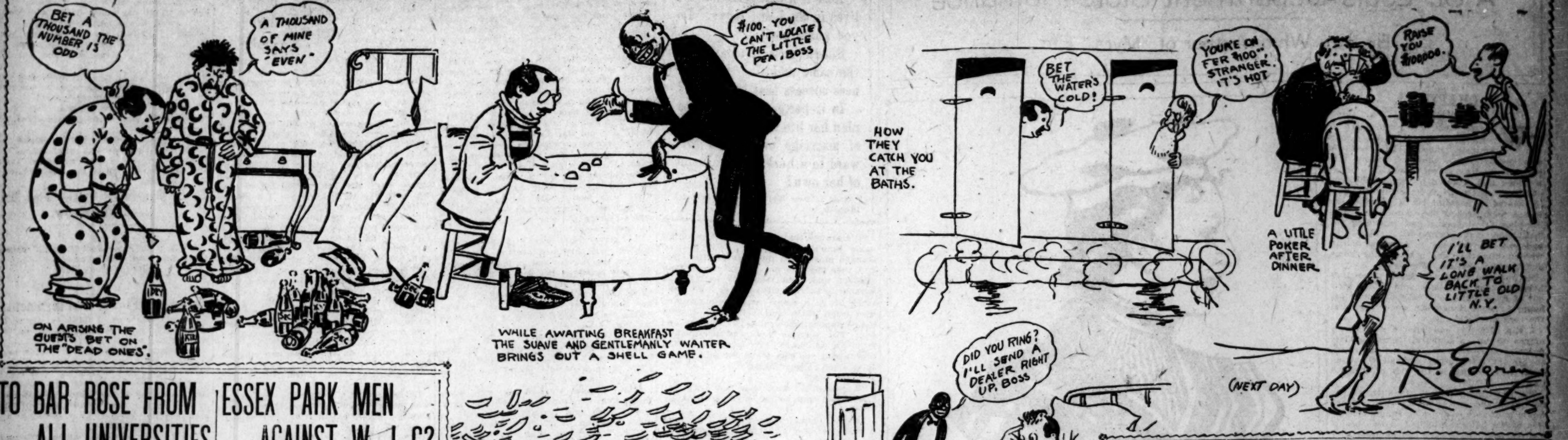
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TO BAR ROSE FROM ALL UNIVERSITIES ESSEX PARK MEN AGAINST W. J. C?

Without Certificate of Honorable Discharge, Michigan's Athlete May Be Blacklisted.

MAY HAVE DESERTED U. M.

Report That He Has Signed for Professional Career Under George Considine.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Jan. 16.—Not only is Ralph Rose, the youthful collegian shot-putter, barred from further competition among the "big nine" colleges of the West, but he will probably find himself on the black list of all institutions.

It is a known fact that universities are in a trust against undesirable men from the standpoint of a student. Said Prof. Patterson, chairman of Michigan's board of control: "I do not see how Rose can leave Michigan and enter any other reputable college of the country without a certificate of honorable discharge from here, and this he may find some trouble in obtaining."

Rose has not yet returned from New York, and his absence of a week from class work is enough to have the "can" tied to him," as the university is very strict about students being on hand at the opening sessions after vacation. None of his friends here has heard from him and it is thought that he has deserted Michigan permanently.

The latest story regarding Rose is that he has signed for a professional career under George Considine of New York, but not much credence is placed in this.

MAJOR AVENUE LINE STILL BLOCKED.

No cars have run since Wednesday morning on the Marcus avenue street car line, and residents in Northwest St. Louis complain of the delay. They must take as a consequence to reach car lines in the snow at Lick street, and after remaining there all day, returned to the streets, the United Railway Co. has promised daily that service would be resumed nothing has been done.

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TAYLOR MAKING BOOMERANG WAR BARNEY DREYFUSS SAYS THAT CARDINAL TWIRLER IS ONLY LAYING UP TROUBLE FOR HIMSELF.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 16.—Barney Dreyfuss is of the opinion that Jack Taylor is only laying up trouble for himself by making so much noise at the present time. The little owner of the Pittsburgh club today returned from Cincinnati and gave it his opinion that Taylor is yelling before he is hurt, and thus attracting attention to himself without good cause.

"I can't see any Taylor case," said Dreyfuss. "Mr. Hart and Comiskey had some differences of opinion some time ago, Mr. Hart said that one of the players had thrown him down in the series with the other fellows at Chicago fall before last and Comiskey has taken it up."

SPORT BRIEFS

The jiu-jitsu experts have now shown conclusively that by their science a little man can defeat a big one. But suppose the big man knows the jiu-jitsu?

Walter J. Travis, British golf champion, will begin his winter tour of the second annual mid-winter tournament at Pinehurst, N. C., by defeating W. C. Townes of Pittsburgh, Saturday.

With four exceptions all the New York Giants have returned to the city. The exceptions are Mike Donlin, Christy Mathewson, and George W. Hill. The latter two players are satisfied with the salaries offered and their papers are expected within a few days. Donlin and "Matty" Hill, on the other hand, are said to be holding out because of a demand for an increase in pay.

Many of the city's best pool players have entered in the Missouri A. C. tournament, which will begin Saturday night at 8 o'clock. A. W. Graffenkamp and P. W. Moss are scheduled for Monday night's game. The three-cushion tournament also will be continued, Jordan Lambert and Beckler being called to play.

Krause and Herbst will meet Monday night in the St. James straight pool tournament. Sunday afternoon Webster beat Milz 100 to 20, and Ellison won from Gould, 100 to 20.

Officers for the year were elected Sunday afternoon at the annual meeting of the Mount City Homing Club. They are: Starman, president; Hubert, vice-president; Mrs. E. C. Kleckers, secretary and treasurer; Hubert and Freunt, race committee. Nominations for the future race must be handed in at the next meeting.

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JABEZ WHITE HAS CHANCE WITH BRITT THREE FIST BOUTS BOOKED FOR WEEK

Charley Mitchell Predicts That Californian Will Not Find English Champion "Easy Mark."

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—"Those who think that Jimmy Britt will have an easy time with Jabez White," says Tom O'Rourke, "reckon without considering Charley Mitchell's good judgment as to fighters. Mitchell predicted that Joe Bowler would beat Frankie Neil. That was contrary to what most people thought."

"I know that Mitchell was very anxious to make a match for White with 'Young Corbett' before he was beaten by Battling Nelson. Corbett preferred to take on Nelson, in whom he thought he had an easy mark, but with disastrous results. Now Corbett says he can knock out White in 10 rounds. If they fight it might be another case of Battling Nelson."

"Mitchell will bring White to this country if he consents to make the trip. White is in business in England and may not see his way clear to come over here to fight. At any rate Mitchell is a shrewd observer and a good judge of pugilists. I think he is likely to make a good fight."

Louis Long, a western lightweight, is after Battling Nelson with \$1000 in hand ready for a side bet. Long says: "Any fair-minded man will admit I am entitled to a fight with Nelson. Hererra went 20 rounds with Nelson, while I knocked Hererra down four times in three rounds. It took Nelson 15 rounds to beat 'Spider' Welch and I beat him in five rounds. On this showing I think I am entitled to a fight with Nelson."

Word has been received in Belleville that William Elwert, former left fielder in the Belleville Trolley League baseball team and proprietor of a bowling alley, who disappeared several weeks ago, is in Pueblo, Colo., and that he has signed with the Denver team of the Western Ball Association for next season.

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COOKED HAT LEAGUE PLANNED.

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 16.—E. W. Leman, secretary of the State Bowling Association, is planning to organize a cooked hat circuit to include bowling clubs in San Antonio, Dallas, Houston, Oklahoma City, Kansas City, St. Louis, New Orleans and Shreveport.

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Mrs. Flora L. Woodruff Dead.

The funeral of Mrs. Flora L. Woodruff, wife of Dr. F. E. Woodruff, was held from the residence, 234 Dickson street, Monday afternoon. Mrs. Woodruff suffered a paralytic stroke several months ago and had been taken to Clifton, Ala., by her mother in the hope that a change of climate would benefit her. Dr. Woodruff was formerly an instructor in the St. Louis High School and his wife was a pupil there. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. Layton Maune, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Woodruff was a member.

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## THE EFFLORESCENCE OF CECILIA LOFTUS

She Blossomed Forth Last Night as the Luminous Star of a Bright Play.

He was on the car again coming down this morning—the chap who likes the play. "How's the Loftus?" he asked, slipping over into the seat with me.

"Fine," I answered him.

"With the same hesitant manner and slightly demure look?"

"The same."

"And eyes like the bright rain that falls when the sun shines?"

"The same."

"We were silent a moment. I don't know what he was thinking of, but I was thinking of a time 'yaks and yaks ago,' as Mrs. Campbell says, when I saw Clara Loftus doing those rare impersonations of hers in the Masonic Roof Garden Theater in Chicago."

"That was before she billed her as Cecilia. That was when she was plain Clara, one of the most capable girls on the American stage."

"How is the play?" asked the chap.

"Doing nicely, thanks."

"Better than 'Merely Mary Ann'?"

"Yes, as a story. But it hasn't the same freshness and sparkle which made Mary Ann ever pleasantly memorable. It has more wit, more clever situations and more plausibility. It is really a very strong and very smart comedy, and it is so well acted and lays such a spell of interest upon the audience that I should say that it might, perhaps, please you even more than 'Merely Mary Ann' did."

"Bright fellow," Zangwill.

"Yes, and a much better maker of simple comedies than he is sometimes credited with being. The man is practical. He makes his little dramas as real as life, and they lay a hold upon one. He isn't too high and mighty to pop a pun now and then, and he gets many hearty little laughs. He is an expert at making serio-comic situations, and it would be hard to imagine anyone who could turn them out better than the ingenious Loftus can do it."

"What do you think of her prospects as a star?"

"She's a fixed star. Our stars are getting old. Loftus is girlish. Some of our stars are getting old and fat. Loftus is just a slightly-plump girl. She is dainty and naive."

"A Stern chase is a long chase."

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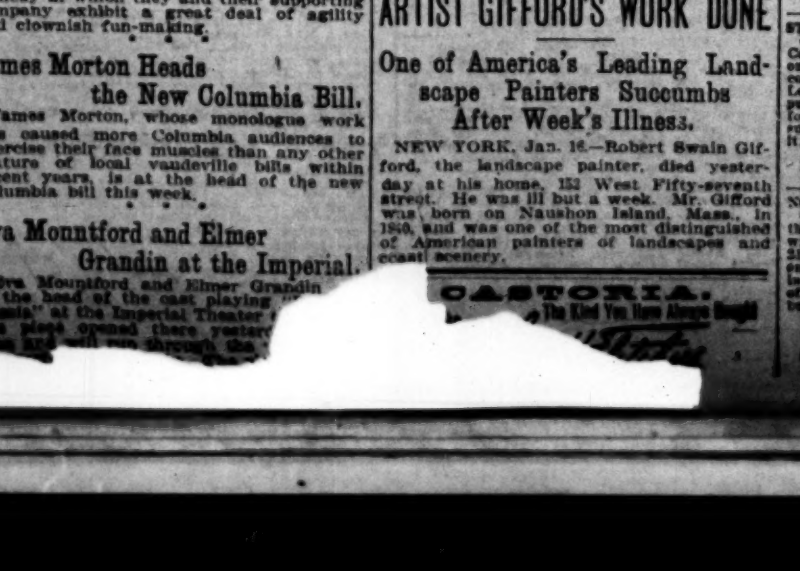
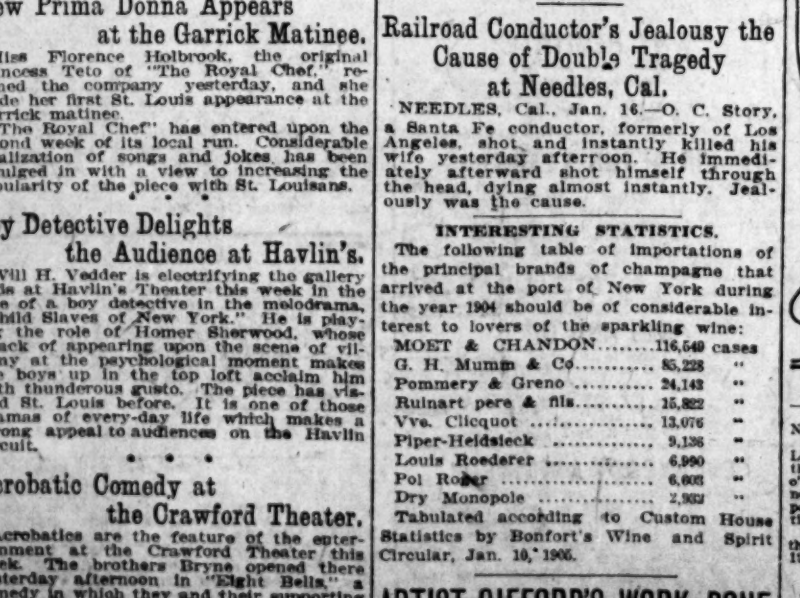
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## MANY MYSTERIES IN DOUBLE ELOPEMENT

Three Boys, Six Diamond Rings, a Wealth of Outlery, Perplex Kansas City Police.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 16.—A man, two young women and three boys came here from St. Joseph yesterday and registered at the Blossom House. Later one of the young women disturbed the guests of the hotel by running into the corridor and screaming hysterically that her escort had attempted to rob her of six diamond rings.

She declared the man tried to choke her and falling, had attempted forcibly to tear the jewels from her hands.

The police took all six to the station. There the girl gave her name as Gene Myers, 22 years old, and said she was not married. She said her escort's name was Charles Lingenfelter of St. Joseph. They had eloped and that he had failed to get a marriage license in St. Joseph.

The other girl was Miss Glenn Taylor, 18 years old, who had eloped with J. R. Cassell, 17 years old. They were not married, said, having met with the same difficulty in St. Joseph as Lingenfelter and herself.

Miss Myers wore expensive clothing. Her cloak was a real seal skin and her gown was of fine material. She said her father was dead and that her mother was in New York buying goods for a large St. Joseph store.

While the party was at the police station the police searched the man and found in Lingenfelter's room they found eight and a half dozen pocketknives and a dozen razors.

The police gave a satisfactory explanation of the presence of the outlery or the boys. The man and three boys are held for investigation.

Miss Myers and Miss Taylor say they are employed as clerks in a dry goods store at St. Joseph.

Miss Taylor's father is J. M. Taylor of the St. Joseph Power Co. He replied to messages that his daughter left home Saturday after a scene and that he will forgive her if she comes home a wife.

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**STOCKHOLDERS' MEETINGS.**

**NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.**—The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the St. Louis Transfer Co. will be held at the office of the company in the City of St. Louis, on Monday, Jan. 16, 1905, at 12 o'clock noon.

**STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.**—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pullman Palace Car Co. will be held at the office of the company, 210 N. 2nd St., St. Louis, Mo., on Monday, Jan. 16, 1905, at 12 o'clock noon.

## GIRLS COULDN'T RIDE ON HIS SLED

Eleven Youths Arrested After One Is Stabbed in Fight Over Coasting.

John I. Okel, 18 years old, an automobile repairer, is at his home, 3400 South Second street, with serious stab wounds and 11 young men are locked up at the Wyoming street police station as the result of an attempt to take a sled away from Okel on Cherokee street Sunday night.

Okel, with many others, was coasting on the Cherokee street hill, from Broadway to the Iron Mountain tracks. A crowd of about a dozen young men and two girls came along from the club house of the South Side Hunting and Fishing Club, at the foot of Cherokee street.

The idea struck one of the young men that it would be a good idea to give one of the girls a coast down the hill. He asked Okel for his sled.

Okel refused, and others joined in importuning him for it. When he continued to refuse they jeered at him and "roasted" him and some of them teased him. A fight ensued, in which Okel was stabbed in the back, below the right shoulder and in the right arm.

Police arrested 11 young men who were said to have been in the party from the club house. All deny that they were in the difficulty.

Okel has given the police a good description of the 11 young men who were nearest to him when he was stabbed, one of whom is believed to have used the knife. The young man under arrest will be taken before Okel Monday afternoon to see if he can identify any of them.

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**PRISONER A WOMAN-SOLDIER**

Discovery of Identity Greatly Embarrasses Girl Who Fought With Russian Troops.

TOKIO, Jan. 16.—It is reported that a Japanese gendarme discovered a woman about 20 years old disguised among the Russian prisoners brought to Nishima. She was much embarrassed at the exposure, and is now located in special quarters.

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